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STARVING AMERICANS

Destitute and Helpless in Cuban Cities.

RESULTS OF WEYLER'S ORDERS

Report Submitted by the Senate Committee Causes Much Comment in Washington.

WATSON, May 13.—There was a sudden and violent outbreak of Cuban sentiment today at the capital and during the early hours the drift of opinion was strongly toward speedy and radical action by both congress and the executive, but later there was somewhat of a reaction upon the Cuban situation of which the President, while keenly alive to the situation and anxious to learn everything possible that could guide his conduct of our Cuban and Spanish relations, felt that further information was necessary and for the immediate present the question was not one of recognition of the belligerency or independence of the Cuban insurgents, but of relief for the American citizens destitute and helpless in the towns of the Queen of the Antilles. The senate foreign relations committee, it should be stated, while agreeing with the necessity for relief of the suffering Americans, is favorable to more radical measures and a number of its members are earnestly desirous of a declaration by the executive side of the instruments, but have not succeeded in convincing the administration to their views that the present action is appropriate and imperative.

The event of the day was a report by their colleagues by a sub-committee of the foreign relations committee which yesterday examined the state department's Cuban reports. This statement, though not yet given to the public, was so far disclosed in character as to give rise to a good deal of excited comment among senators and members. The report based upon facts presented by the United States consul at Cuba, it is said, brings out in strong relief the condition which exists not only among Cubans, but among the Americans and pinches now in the island, who were driven from their farms and into the towns by Weyler's orders and thereby prevented from supporting themselves.

For several days past the subject matter of this report has been under discussion quietly, among a few of the friends of Cuba in congress, and they have lost no opportunity of impressing upon the President their convictions that it is his duty as the chief executive to delay no longer in taking active steps to terminate the present condition of affairs in Cuba.

These representations, however, have not been sufficient to induce hasty action. The President is moving steadily and with all speed that safety and sound judgment warrant in the collection of facts touching the conditions that exist upon the islands today. To this end Mr. Calhoun is now in Cuba, officially on another mission, but also charged with the observation of the conditions that prevail. When he has reported to the President and the latter has gathered what he regards as a sufficient store of information based on facts, he may not be quite ready to act, but he may either to help himself or to suggest to Congress such action as these facts warrant. Meanwhile he has under consideration the best means of affording relief to Americans suffering as a result of the conditions of the islands.

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At the same time the news of the developments at the capital today was received with commotion. Of course the action of the committee could not be openly discussed without violation of the strict etiquette which governs the diplomatic body in its relations to Congress, but it was suggested that the fact that the entire attention of the senate for months to come would be engrossed by the tariff bill might have determined the friends of Cuba to endeavor to secure some sort of action by Congress before discussion of the tariff bill begins.

It is not denied at the legation that suffering exists in Cuba, but much suffering, it is said, is already due to evident to war. It is conceded that the Spanish government has done all that it could, with the means at hand to alleviate this distress. It was pointed out that Spain had granted permission to the Red Cross, through Miss Barton, to extend its offices to the destitute in Cuba, and, moreover, will not place any obstacles in the way of any proper charity in the United States which has the same end in view.

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Deplorable Situation of Americans in Cuba.

WATSON, May 13.—The Senate committee on foreign relations today had the Cuban question under consideration on the basis of the report of the sub-committee appointed yesterday to confer with the President and Secretary Sherman. The report was prepared by Davis and Foraker, Republican members, Morgan, the Democratic member, declining to participate in it.

The report consisted of a concise statement of the contents of official reports from the American consuls in Cuba, bringing information up to within a week. This report confirms the newspaper reports of the condition in the island, and even goes farther in depicting the deplorable situation than do most of the newspapers' stories. Espe-

cial stress is laid upon the condition of American citizens. It is positively stated that hundreds are in a starving condition and ratty-clad clothed. Deaths of Americans from starvation are duly reported. Americans are scattered in all parts of the island and are shown no consideration whatever because of their American citizenship.

The Americans are generally persons who reside on the plantations, but who have been driven from their homes to the towns and who, being among strangers and without employment, are compelled to subsist on almost nothing. They are not allowed to return to their plantations, even to pick berries or secure the least article of subsistence. They are theoretically under the care of the Spanish army, but the army is without a commanding officer. They have no means of leaving the island. Their condition is pronounced wholly deplorable.

The committee was especially impressed with the incident in which the opinion was general that the Cuban question should be remedied if possible.

It was considered as pigging over a fence except upon the question of our relations to Cuba that the impression of Americans, of which there are now comparatively few instances.

This report also indicates a generally wretched condition of all the inhabitants of the island because of the scarcity of food and money, especially in the centers of population, and because also of the pressure of the malignant diseases, such as yellow fever, smallpox and dysentery. These diseases threaten with comparative ease, but they are especially oppressive to the Spanish population.

The report indicates that the Spanish army is not as strong now as it was a year ago, largely on account of these ravages, while they indicate no diminution of the insurgent forces.

The report upon which the sub-committee's brief was based were from various counsels, including Consul General Lee. They make no recommendations as to American policy, but merely give some interest to the subject by referring to the report that senator, within the last week, had speculated in sugar stocks.

"As the representation of 70,000,000 people," said Mr. Allen, in opening the discussion, "we cannot afford to permit Mr. Chapman, the representative of a powerful organization, which is in charge of extensive power influences in this country."

"To be specific," said Mr. White, "will ask whether the senator considers the progress of the war."

"I have not examined either," was the reply, "but I will answer when the bill is considered in detail. I will ask whether the senator is in favor of protection of American industries."

"And then I will answer," retorted Mr. White, "when the bill is considered in detail."

"The Senate has disagreed," said Mr. Petrus, Democrat of Alabama, and moved an adjournment to Monday, which at 4:10 p.m. was carried.

In view of the developments in the committee, Senator Morgan agreed not to press the consideration of his resolution today, but he will continue to effort to have the question before the undivided Senate as soon as possible.

The discussions assumed a legal and technical phase. Messrs. Faulkner of West Virginia, White of California and Spooner of Wisconsin, arguing on the law applying to Chapman. Mr. Chandler spoke briefly, saying that he could not believe a pardon would be granted Chapman. The senator stated that he considered it would be futile to undertake now to repeat the sugar investigation after four years.

Mr. Chapman was then recognized for a speech which caused a division between him and the other members.

"It seems to me," said Mr. Tamm, "that we are after Chapman; the original investigation was not intended to punish Chapman, but to discover whether a senator on this floor had been guilty of using his official position to make money by speculating in stocks which were influenced by his action, as a senator, on the committee which reported the tariff bill. It is not worth while to try to cover up this matter with impunity. The senator from New Hampshire will excuse me. I do not intend that as any reflection upon his integrity, but it appears to me that he treated it rather higgishly."

"There are two correspondents who have over their signatures charged that Chapman has speculated within the last year and made money. Now, if you want to investigate, you have a new reason to investigate. If you intend to get at the true inaccuracy of the matter, to get at the truth and to punish those who are guilty, say so and do so, or else hush. That is the whole sum and substance of it. We do not want Chapman. We want Havemeyer. We want the American who bought your men, if they were bought. That is what we are here for; and now let the senator who has moved to refer the matter, and who is very dignified, make the resolution to his committee and bring back a measure here that will mean something. We can now make those men who have charged that Chapman has speculated say where they took the information or we can publish them for contempt. We can call on Havemeyer, and the sugar trust grandees and make them answer or put them in jail for contempt. Either investigate so as to find the truth and punish the principals, or shut up."

As Mr. Chapman closed there was no applause, but for a moment there was a stir in the galleries, which promised something of a demonstration. The debate promptly proceeded, however, without coming into legal channels. Messrs. Thor, Chandler and Allen took part.

At the request of Mr. Allen, Mr. Hart changed a previous motion so as to have the resolution referred to the committee on judiciary instead of the committee on privileges and elections. The motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Gallinger, from the committee on contingent expenses, received favorably a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five senators to investigate the issuance of land patents to the Pacific railroads, but in the absence of Mr. Hart, chairman of the committee on Pacific railroads, did not press for its consideration.

Mr. Gallinger also introduced a resolution for the appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of suffering Americans in Cuba. The resolution went to the committee on foreign relations.

At 3:15 the house adjourned until Monday.

UNIVERSITY REGENTS.

W. E. Davis of Santa Rosa Elected Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—The election of a secretary was made the special order for the meeting of the university regents this afternoon. The importance of the occasion attracted twenty regents who were present at the roll call.

After the call to order the regents were addressed by Henry Lund, the Swedish consul, in the matter of the petition for the establishment of a chair at the university for the teaching of the Norse languages. The petition to the regents was signed by 5000 Swedes and Scandinavian citizens. The board, after hearing the argument of Dr. Thomas Boyson, took the matter under advisement. The election of a secretary was then proceeded with, the board going into executive session. There were several candidates, but after an hour's balloting W. E. Davis of Santa Rosa was duly declared elected.

At 2:20 the session went into executive session.

The open session was resumed at 3 o'clock and a brief discussion was shortly afterwards unexpended precipitated. It occurred when Mr. Aldrich, Republican of Rhode Island, of the finance committee, stated that he would modify the announcement previously given as to taking up the tariff bill on the 15th instant, giving the date avoidable delay in carrying the committee's plan, the bill would not be called up at that time. He hoped, however, to call it up on Thursday, at least for a preliminary statement.

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EXAMINING THE BOOKS.

Creditors' Investigation Williams, Brown & Co.'s Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The books of the embarrased firm of Williams, Brown & Co. are now being examined by a committee of creditors, to determine the exact financial standing of the house. The personal popularity of Mr. Williams, who is the sole member of the firm, is desirous of putting off the arrangement with the creditors as long as possible. It is expected that the operations of the firm, if it resumes business, will hereafter be upon a smaller basis. Williams, who has been in Australia for several months, sailed from Sydney on Monday for San Francisco.

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GREECE WILL ACCEPT

The Conditions Insisted on by Germany.

RAINS PREVENT FIGHTING
The Sultan Expresses Sympathy for King George—Turks Still Pressing Forward.

ATHENS, May 10.—The conditions insisted on by Germany, the chief of which is that Greece shall give her formal consent to the principle of autonomy for Crete, will be accepted by the Greek government. The note of the powers has not yet been presented, but it has been drawn and is to the following effect:

Upon a formal declaration by Greece that she will recall her troops and agree to such an autonomous regime for Crete as the powers in their wisdom shall deem best, and except unreservedly the claims of the powers, they will interfere in the interests of peace.

The note will probably be presented tomorrow after the German minister has received final instructions.

6:30 p.m.—M. Rihli, premier, and M. Skouloudis, minister of foreign affairs, had a long interview this afternoon with Egerton, the British representative, which was conducted amicably enough. It is believed to be connected with the expected intervention of the powers.

A dispatch from Damousi says that the heavy rains there prevent fighting.

The recall of the forces from Crete has been received with resignation by the public. The Delyannis organizes attack the government bitterly for appealing to Europe, but most of the papers accept this as inevitable and violently attack the Ethniki Etaireia, asking it to render an account of its action.

The Greek army now occupies all the bases from Lake Nympha, south of Domousi to Gura, on the east side, the latter point being occupied by General Sanioliki's brigade. Skirmishes have occurred at Palaio.

ATHENS, May 11.—On leave.

General Sanioliki has appointed his dismissed chief of staff, Captain Sanozaki, and his aide de camp, Captain Hadjipetro, to the command of an artillery regiment, the government recalled both officers to Athens and ordered them to return immediately.

LAKISSA, May 10.—The Greek fleet left Volo, but the French, Italian and British guard ships remain. The town is quiet and has been occupied by the Turkish troops. A number of the latter have taken up positions on the surrounding heights. The bulk of the Ottoman army, however, has been withdrawn and is marching in another direction.

Quantities of arms, ammunition and a number of ambulances were captured by the Turks at Volo. All the heights commanding Pharsalos are now occupied by the Turks.

Edhem Peche, the Turkish commander, all of his generals and a number of officers of lower rank have been decorated and many of the Turkish officers have been promoted.

The Turks have no doubt whatever as to the speedy capture of Damousi, although the place is fairly well defended. Edhem Peche and his staff have gone on to Pharsalos.

LONDON, May 10.—Apart from the peace negotiations the principal feature of the present situation is that Turkey is pressing reinforcements forward and preparing for a rapid advance. Unless the powers succeed in quickly arranging a settlement the Greeks are likely to suffer further disasters. The exact disposition of the Greek army is uncertain, but, roughly speaking, the first line of defense extends from Palmyros to Loulon, the second follows the old frontier, and the third down at Thermopylae. Fighting is probable within the next few days unless the present negotiations are successful. The Greek army is at Loulon and the transport and other services are still dominant, while a serious outbreak of typhoid fever and dysentery threatens Asia.

Private advices received in London from Constantinople declare that the Sultan has expressed deep sympathy for King George and the Greek cabinet, whose hands, in his opinion, were forced by revolutionary agents at Athens and Alexandria.

The Sultan, according to these advices, declines to claim a war indemnity and proposes a Turkey-Greek treaty with the immediate payment of £1,000,000.

Finally it is said the Sultan desires to be left at Loulon and not through the powers.

The Athens correspondent of the Times says: The Greek army has been compelled to abandon Salona and Fort Imaret, the Turks having occupied the latter.

Thessaly, Thessaly, May 10.—Up to this hour there has been no fighting here between the Turks and Greeks.

MAY HAVE TO CLOSE.

Resolution Regarding Deficiencies in State Institutions.

SACRAMENTO, May 10.—The State Board of Examiners considered a resolution today the effect of which, if passed and not rescinded, would probably be to impair the efficiency of many of the state institutions.

The resolution emphatically states that the board of examiners will refuse to vote to allow any deficiency, and this means that those institutions whose appropriations are insufficient to carry them through will have to cut down expenses to the lowest possible notch, or else close up shop.

The resolution, which was introduced by Secretary of State Brown, reads:

"Resolved, That for the forty-eighth and fiftieth fiscal years the various state institutions, commissions, departments and offices must be supported by the appropriations made by the Legislature for that purpose, as the state board of examiners will not grant defici-

encies for their support, or for any other purpose. They are however required to govern themselves accordingly, the secretary of this board is hereby directed to have this resolution printed and a copy sent to each person affected."

A BOY'S BRAVERY.

He Saves the Lives of Many Mine Employees.

ROCKFORD, Mich., May 7.—With a box containing 200 pounds of dynamite on fire, ten feet away from him, John Thomas, a boy who runs a compressed air hoisting engine in the Tamarack mine, stuck to his post and saved the lives of the men at work in the mine by his wonderful bravery.

Ten seconds after Thomas had holstered the man to the level the dynamite exploded, smashing the engine and pieces and doing other damage, but the men and the boy to whom they owe their lives were in a place of safety.

A HARD LUCK STORY.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—William O'connor, a musical in hard luck, today offered to make a contract with the San Francisco board of health to the effect that he will sell his dog for \$30, he would do his duty for the examining powers, but part of the contract, however, not to be carried out until after his natural death.

Expllosion in a Lead Mine.

LONON, May 10.—A terrible explosion on the Isle of Man in a shafted lead mine. A large number of miners were entombed on the place of L. Ledebotter last Wednesday, near the bridge, and are now crossing the roads in large numbers. There is considerable excitement among the farmers over it.

Pugilist Held for Murder.

SAN JOSE, May 13.—Matt Simich, the pugilist, was held to answer to the charge of killing "Kid" Evans in a recent pugilistic encounter. He was released on \$500 bonds. The examination of his accessories was set for May 17th.

AN INDEPENDENT CHURCH.

Rev. Philo Phelps Announces Special Services.

STOCKTON, May 7.—Rev. Philo Phelps, late pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city and formerly of Fresno, intends, according to a well founded report, establishing an independent church here. He had recently been dismissed by the Presbytery on account of difference with the conference and a suit for \$1,000 against him.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 7.—Orders have been telegraphed to Edhem Pasha to push on to Damousi immediately.

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OAKLAND RACES.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Weather fine at Oakland; track fast.

Six furlongs—Mike Rice won, Alms 2, Horse Bell 3. Time, 1:04.

Five furlongs—Ninth won, Ericca 2, Horse Prints 3. Time, 1:03½.

Seven and a half furlongs—Infusant won, Earl Cochran 2, May R. S. Time, 1:03.

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Five furlongs—Yemas won, Zamar 11, Quicksilver 3. Time, 1:01½.

Mike and a quarter—Peter I. won, Collier 2, Billy McClosey 3. Time, 2:00½.

One mile—Colonel Wheeler won, Horse of Fortune 2, Imp. Trace 3. Time, 1:41½.

Seven and a half furlongs—Midas won, Earl Cochran 2, May R. S. Time, 1:03.

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An Army of Worms.

SACRAMENTO, May 7.—A special to the Mail from Oakdale says: Counties numbers of worms are spreading over the country between Oakdale and the Orange Blossom colony at the bridge over the Stanislaus river, four or five miles from Oakdale. The worms are running right to six or seven inches. They are green, mottled with black, and are supposed to be army worms. They were first discovered on the place of L. Ledebotter last Wednesday, near the bridge, and are now crossing the roads in large numbers. There is considerable excitement among the farmers over it.

Local Brevities.

From Tuesday's Mail.

Dr. Graham destroyed five horses last Saturday which were suffering from the glanders.

It will be time soon for the spring pests to visit the cool recesses of a beer saloon.

Why doesn't that gentleman's club start and do business? There's plenty of material in Fresno.

An open air theater with two months or so of comic opera would be just the thing for Fresno in the summer.

If a man can stay home in the sweat and labor in the sweat of his brow, why can't a woman stay home and look on?

It is the time of the year when the barkeeper who fills the glass ball full of beer is put down as the meanest man on earth.

Nothing makes a man angrier than to have a soldier returned from the laundry with a splinter of some kind where it will not be movable.

Why can't the state go on with the corral and do business? There's plenty of material in Fresno.

The corps is in harmony within the same banks as the town.

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The explosion was set off by a gun.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

A Little Allegory With a Bad Pig in It.

I WISH THINGS WERE CLEAVER

Let's Have Bicycle Lanterns Lighted in the Daytime—A Good Move.

A Nice New Word.

From Thursday's News.

In the good old days when my good old grandfather, with my loving mother's assistance, was engaged in "birthing me up," he used to keep a pig or two or three occasionally just for the sake of adding to the family larder. I watched these pigs and learned something of their habits, and, with all the rest, I learned that it is a hard thing to drive a pig from its swill and, if you succeed in doing so, it will be ugly and morose and will do mean things of a perverse kind.

When the Valley railroad (do not misunderstand me; it is not the pig of my allegory) came down upon this great plain and gave a reduced passenger rate between its town and San Francisco, the Southern Pacific Company (I am not afraid of your misunderstanding me now) found that the fact interfered with its private will and it gave a second-class passenger rate to the town of the valley, which, like the pig, it forced to eat its swill until it was dear to its (swill) nature; it was such a thing as never before had been done in the history of the valley, a deed to which it was driven only by the lash of the Valley road. It pulled one of its feet out of the trough whence it had been drinking all the time, but, instead of "drinking all the time," it had thought a while.

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distinctions which are not justified by Dame Nature.

When the Board of Supervisors has revoked the license of Jack Patterson's place, as it has been petitioned to do, it will have done about as good a thing in a limited way as lies in its power to do. If ever that peat-holes has bred anything but viles, ignit, I have not heard of it, and I have heard a good deal of the place, too. When, when this thing has been done, the people are more moved toward that end will do more to make Fresno better than several meetings and a large number of very oblique resolutions might do.

"It will be time soon for the spring pests to appear in the cool recesses of a beer saloon,"—*said the reporter* said after he had thought a while.

I want to pay tribute to the literary crew who sprang up last week, for, be right or wrong, they did a good job.

And, now that he has sprung it and we've caught it, it means a lot.

The woman who goes bathing at the beach gets a bath after her bath to look upon the views.

Remember, when they tell about it and the doctor, "the times were jolly where I went to bathe."

Twenty years at Folsom will be a long time, but, in the case of Joe Middleton, it will not be a bad day long for the welfare of the people of this vicinity.

Mr. Middleton can be spared. He has done a vast amount of mischievous sowing of upturned nets for a long time past, and I judge that he would not be able to attend to the reaping in a day less than twenty years. Vale, Mr. Middleton. Your loss is our gain.

The MAN ABOUT TOWN.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Typewritten for the Auditor and the Treasurer.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors yesterday Garrett moved and Manley seconded that the county auditor and the county treasurer be furnished with a typewriter. A machine was bought from George S. Ramsey for \$100 and the auditor was directed to draw a warrant for that amount in Mr. Ramsey's favor.

On motion of Rose, seconded by Garrett, the county surveyor was directed to prepare two sets of plans and specifications for bridges, the construction of the Kings river in district No. 4 and submit the same to the board at the June meeting.

The contract and bond of the National Ice Company to furnish ice to the county orphanage and the hospital were approved by the board.

The monthly report of the managers of the county orphanage showed that on May 1st there were thirty inmates in that institution—sixteen girls and four boys.

Today the supervisors will take up the matter of appointing a county horticultural commission.

UNDER A HAND CAR

BABOON ON THE VALLEY ROAD INJURED YESTERDAY.

His Side Horribly Contused—The Injury Not Believed to be Fatal.

Thomas O'Leary, one of the workmen engaged in laying the track of the Valley road on the Foothill line, met with an accident yesterday in which he was very painfully injured. It will be several weeks before he can be on his feet again. The unfortunate man was run over by a handcar. He fell between the rails, but in passing over him the timber of the car contoured his entire right side from shoulder to knee in a shocking manner.

The accident occurred about 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the Kings river bridge across which the track was laid yesterday. O'Leary, with several others, was setting the rails in place following closely upon the force that was laying the ties. From the construction train to the front of the work the heavy rails were conveyed on a low hand car, which the men shoved alone.

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FARMERS' MEETING

Instructive Paper by N. W. Mothermal.

INSECT PESTS AND REMEDIES

Meeting Held in the Handsome New Quarters of the Club.

The Fresno County Farmers' Club met in its new quarters in the Einstein building yesterday morning. For the past ten days carpenters have been at work arranging the quarters, and as soon as they have been furnished throughout they will be as comfortable as could be desired. Something in this direction has already been accomplished, and the result is highly satisfactory.

The corridor leading to the different rooms, of which there are three, is laid with linoleum. Immediately to the right as one enters is the reception room for the accommodation of ladies. The floor of this room is covered with matting, and on this is spread a large, hand-some rug. A table occupies the center of this room, and all the chairs are rockers. It is very comfortable even now, but when the good housewives roll their sleeves above their dimpled elbows and show men how a room for the women folk ought to be fitted up—well, there won't be a farmer's wife that thinks it will wait until her husband has joined the club.

Back of the reception room, and separated from it by a partition, is the assembly room, where the club will hold its meetings. It can comfortably hold 150 persons and is provided with tables and chairs. In the rear of this is the smoking and reading room, but this still remains to be furnished.

The outlook for the club is excellent, it has now a fair membership and applications are being received daily. Once the benefits to be derived from the organization become more generally known, the membership will increase rapidly.

The morning session of the old club yesterday was occupied in the transaction of routine business. The main feature of the afternoon session was the paper of N. W. Mothermal of Stanford. President Hodkinson, in calling the meeting to order, congratulated the club upon its final organization and its meeting for the first time in its new quarters. He then introduced Mr. Mothermal, who gave an interesting and instructive lecture on insect pests, sucking vine hoppers, aphids, San Jose scale, codlin moth, etc., and also discussed diseases of vines and other common field diseases, such as peach blight, cedar blight, etc. He pointed out the folly of smudging, except when the fruit is setting for culture in June. He believed culture was aggravated by too much moisture. Mr. Mothermal continued:

"Cultivation increases the vitality of the plant. Nearly every insect has its parasite. These parasites do not possess wings as a rule, and are mostly degenerated. When the insects are infected, the parasites are generally left behind."

"There are three sets of insects—the sap-suckers, the leaf eaters, and the moths. The wine hopper is killed by heat, and can live through the winter. These lay their eggs and die; they have never been found. During the large stage they live under the leaves. It is then that they may be killed by spraying with the petroleum solution. This is an absolute remedy. All insects in winter will be killed by a mixture of lime, sulphur and sand, placed in the angle of the branch."

"Any compound of arsenic will destroy the leaf eaters. The moths have a large number of parasites. The codlin moth is a burrowing insect. As a rule, the parasites are not easy to kill, but in France a parasite has been found for the codlin moth which effectively kills it. Paris green does not destroy, but merely drives away the codlin moth. One of the parasites attacks the twigs and fruit of peaches, apricots and strawberries by boring into them and then the twig or the fruit dies. The insects may be killed by the mixture of lime, sulphur and sand, placed in the angle of the branch."

"Most of the diseases of the tree are due to a variety of bacteria. The bacteria is caused by the crystallization of acid in the leaves and fruit of the vine. This disease may be prevented by not having too much water in the soil at the time the grapes are setting. There is only one variety of mildew which does any harm, and it does not affect the vines till June or July. Sulphur is an effective remedy for it. No cure for root rot has yet been found."

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Mothermal for his excellent lecture the club adjourned.

THEIR UPTOWN OFFICE.

The Southern Pacific Company Will Open It Tomorrow.

The Southern Pacific Company will open its uptown office tomorrow in the room formerly occupied by the Fresno Loan and Savings Bank at the corner of Mariposa and J streets. The old bank counter will be used as it stands, and the room will be neatly furnished. The office will be the headquarters for C. H. Markham, who is now in control of the road's traffic in the valley. It will be in charge of Henry Avila, who for several years has been the day ticket agent at the depot. Mr. Markham's duties will call him away from this city much of the time, and Mr. Avila will manage the local business of the company. Tickets will be sold at the uptown office, and the freight business will also be transacted there.

W. St. J. Cushing has been promoted from the freight office to the place of day agent at the passenger depot, which position was made vacant by the advancement of Mr. Avila. Tickets will also be sold at the depot.

ANOTHER CUP WINNER.

A Dos Palos Baby Gets the "Republican" Souvenir.

The REPUBLICAN was notified recently that there was another baby in the county entitled to a silver cup, it having been born on the first of January, 1897. The parents of the distinguished youngster are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foreman of Dos Palos. Orders were given to a silversmith for a cup for the New Year's baby, and the prize was sent to the parents a few days ago. Yesterday the following letter was received from Mrs. Foreman:

Dear Republican—Your present to our baby of a silver cup is at hand. It is beautified much more so in fact than we expected. Please accept our thanks for the same. Respectfully yours,

Mrs. CHARLES FOREMAN.

Dos Palos, May 6, 1897.

Card of Thanks.

We beg to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends for many substantial tokens of sympathy and expressions of condolence on the occasion of our late bereavement in the death of our beloved Sister Mary Joseph.

Sisters of the Holy Cross,

Saint Augustine's Academy.

OLEANDER ITEMS.

Closing of the School—The Good Templars' Reception.

From Sunday's Daily.
Mrs. Sherwood, who is visiting at Mrs. Estabrooks', will return to Berkeley on Monday.

Miss Sinclair is making a short stay here. She came to attend the closing exercises of the public school in Oceanside, of which her brother, Prof. J. M. Sinclair, is principal.

Mrs. J. P. Fernand and Miss Edna Mum of Fresno came out Friday to attend the Good Templars' reception that evening. They are both members of the lodge to 10.

Rev. J. Thompson went to Tulare to stay to occupy Rev. Wright's pulpit for him on Sunday.

We are sorry to learn that George Dell is still quite ill.

Rev. Wolfe of Tulare will preach at the Congregational church on Sunday morning and evening, and will remain and assist Rev. J. Overton in a series of services held the following week.

The ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church were entertained by Mrs. E. F. Harrows on Cedar Avenue on Friday afternoon. A large amount of sewing was done by the ladies and a very pleasant time enjoyed by all.

The Good Templars' Lodge gave a social last evening to their friends. Ice cream, cake, strawberries and lemonade were served.

The Oleander school held its closing exercises Friday afternoon, May 7. A very interesting program was presented, including the singing of hymns, the drill and the dumb-bell drill. The latter was given by the scholars of Miss Purcell's room. A presentation of books by Professor Sinclair and Miss Purcell by the scholars of their respective rooms was a pleasing part of the ceremony. Cake and ice cream were served to the children and all went home well satisfied with the afternoon. The school has been very prosperous under the management of Professor Sinclair and Miss Purcell.

Oleander, May 8, 1897.

ATHLETIC CYCLERS' MEET.

Interesting Program Prepared for the 20th Inst.—The Prizes.

The Fresno Athletic Club is making preparations on a large scale for the coming bicycle meet on May 30th. A fine program has been arranged and the prizes will be the best ever offered in this city. A novel feature in connection with the meet is that the winners will be permitted to select their own prizes.

The club will offer a prize valued at a certain amount and when the race is won the winner may select whatever he desires.

The meet will be a two mile handicap, first prize \$200, second prize \$125, third prize \$75. The next race, the feature of the day, will be a mile championship, scratch; first prize \$35, second prize \$15, third prize \$7.50. A boy's handicap, two-thirds of a mile, open to boys between the ages of 15 and 18 years, will follow. The first prize for this event will be a silver medal valued at \$10. The other prizes will be decided upon later. A "has-been" one mile scratch race will complete the program, which gives promise of being one of the best ever attempted in the San Joaquin Valley.

Entry blanks for the different events will be printed tomorrow and will be obtainable at the athletic club or the leading cycleries in town. Riders from outside counties are expected to compete in the championship race.

THE INTERMEDIATES

Entertained Friday Evening by Miss Edna Doolittle.

A very pleasant lawn party was given the Intermediate G. E. of the Christian church Friday evening by Edna Inez Doolittle at the residence of her father, J. E. Doolittle in the northern part of the city. The wind had abated for the occasion and the sparkling lawn was well lighted with Chinese lanterns. The guests indulged in various games and pulled candy until a late hour.

Those present were: Miss Lulu Doyle, Emmaus Forest, Cameron, Anna and Edith Lack, Jessie Bowen, Kate Robinson, Evelyn Henkle, Pearl Bowes, Nine Bowen, Anna Fanning, Edith Mayfield, Vesta Dix, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Anna Stevens, Madie Herrington, Max Dragon, Laura and Nellie Rose, Galena Conwell and Edna Doolittle; Mrs. Will Holden, Floyd Doyle, Charles Board, Earl Brunton, Edwin Rowe, Winfred Burke, Olaf Chance, Howard and Fred Swartz, Frank Warden, Frank Bradford, Ed Franklin, Ben Brown, Carter, Shelton, Elvin Laing, Chester Fausing, Bill Martin, Ernest Smith, and Leslie Doolittle; Mrs. A. Chancie and Mrs. J. E. Doolittle.

Big Logging Contract.

The Berry and Kelso Logging Company filed articles of incorporation in the clerk's office yesterday. Its objects are indicated by its name, and the principal place of business of the concern will be Fresno. The capital stock is \$500,000, all subscribed, and the directors are E. F. Ooten of San Francisco and Ed Kelso, James Berry, Stanton L. Carter and Lewis H. Smith of Fresno.

The company will be used as it stands, and the room will be neatly furnished. The office will be the headquarters for the road's traffic in the valley, and will be in charge of Henry Avila, who for several years has been the day ticket agent at the depot. Mr. Avila's duties will call him away from this city much of the time, and Mr. Avila will manage the local business of the company. Tickets will be sold at the uptown office, and the freight business will also be transacted there.

Englishtown returning home after long residence in the colonies are often annoyed and puzzled by some of our antiquated forms and ceremonies. The other day I came across a refined Canadian, who had been much impressed by the terms of Lord Salisbury's circular to his followers in the house of lords, where the premier "ventures to express the hope that it may be consistent with your lordship's convenience to be present when parliament meets, the intimation, instead of taking the form of "continuing to express a hope that it may be consistent with his lordship's convenience," would be more effectively expressed as a hint that if the member is not present he may bring painful consequences.—London Truth.

A Novel Occupation.

An occupation which does not figure in labor statistics, nor in the social economy at least of America, is discovered in the following advertisement, which appeared in the Blackpool Times, an English newspaper, in the last days of February: "Young man, of dark complexion, is prepared to 'jet in the New Year' at any house in Blackpool between 12 and 9 a.m., at 2 shillings each without refreshments." The explanation of this cryptic notice lies, it seems in a local superstition that the first visitor to a house in the new year, if he happens to be of a dark complexion, brings it good luck.

Inconvenient Fare.

"How's your arm?" asked Tommy of the young man who calls at the house. "It's all right, Why?"

"Cause I heard mother tell sister that she picked up the parlor the other night and saw your arm out of place."

Detroit Free Press.

The baseball game between the Tulear Street and Bowlers at the Tulear Street grounds Sunday resulted in a victory for the former, the score being 22 to 1.

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Sisters of the Holy Cross, Saint Augustine's Academy.

THE MAN OUT OF TOWN

Thinks the Farmers' Club a Good Thing.

WHAT ELIZA SAYS ABOUT IT

Something About the Sun, by Queen Victoria—How the People & I and Themselves.

Eliza's Diary.

I've been out hunting for rags and putting sheets of paper covered with postures under my vines to entrap the wasp-hoppers, and sulphur on the top to catch the mildew. As I failed to find the rain, and caught no hoppers, and my neighbor's vines had no cucumber look better than mine, I feel as though I had fooled away my time about as completely as if I had been off on a political racket like my friend "about town." With this humble apology for a modicum welcome appearance I will proceed to business.

The Farmers' Institute, held in March last, has been good fruit. It was a fair meeting of representative farmers, horticulturists and agriculturalists. The results of the meeting were adopted by the Farmers' Club of Fresno's non-socially organized and gathered around their own festive board and feast in the Einstein block. At the preliminary meetings, when the propositions were being discussed and developed, and the lines laid for a successful future, many thought the prima mover had been touched with a light attack of insanity. To the average of us farmers the scheme of rooms for meetings, for social intercourse and readings, nice rooms for smoking, for refreshments and a general wash up after a drive in town over the dusty roads, was looked on as a good idea.

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THE SAN JOAQUIN DAM

Portion of It Washed Away
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E OHIO MINING CO'S ILL LUCK
For the Third Time Its Dam Above
Millerton Gives Way.

From Wednesday's Daily.
For the third time a portion of the dam built by the Ohio Gold Mining Company across the San Joaquin river about three miles above Millerton has been washed away. Last Thursday night the top of the structure to a depth of about ten feet was carried away by the stream, which is now running very high. The dam was thirty-six feet in height, and ten feet off the top amounts to a lot less.

The dam was built to turn the stream through a channel constructed around a section of the riverbed, where it is believed that there are rich deposits of gold. When the water was low in the summer and the artificial course could convey the whole stream it was proposed to mine the rich gravel in the dry riverbed. Had the dam stood for another month the company would have then commenced active operations to dig up the wealth which was to pay them for the expenditure of \$15,000 and three years of hard work in building the big structure.

The place where the yellow metal is sought under such great disadvantages is at the point where fine gold creek empties its flood waters from the foothills in the winter time into the river. A rock formation at the mouth of the creek turns the tributary stream almost against the current of the river, resulting in a very strong eddy. This eddy is supposed to have caused a wonderfully rich deposit of auriferous gravel brought down by both the river and the creek.

It was to get at this deposit, which has probably been forming for centuries, that the Ohio company was formed, Captain Frank Barratt, Mr. Brown and County Clerk Truman G. Hart being among its promoters. They began the construction of the dam three years ago, and now for the third time their efforts have been thwarted by the refusal of the stream to pursue any kind of self-chosen channel. It must be believed that the dam would stand, if it passed through some heavy freshets in the same fair service as are experienced on the river. While the water is high at the present time, the dam withstands a much greater pressure when the freshets pour over it and the promoters of the enterprise confidently looked forward to the time when they would at last begin to mine.

The portion of the dam carried away on Thursday night was made of rock criba. Cris of timber had been constructed in a short time, and in these rocks were dumped. It is something of a mystery that the structure should have given way after surviving the freshets.

The company may rebuild the destroyed portion of the dam as soon as the water recedes. By putting on a large force of men it could be reconstructed in a short time, and considerable money be done during the summer months. However, the members of the company feel very much disengaged, and have decided what they will do.

There had been conflicting reports in this city concerning the damage done to the dam, but Mr. Brown, the secretary of the company, who returned from the hills yesterday, told a REPUBLICAN reporter yesterday that the facts above related were correct.

NEWS FROM MADEIRA.

Molybdenite Found at Grub Gulch; Personal MENTION.

Miles Wallace returns this evening from a trip to San Francisco.

Attorney F. W. Taft, who has been here on a business visit, returned to San Francisco today.

J. W. Watkins, the lumber man, returns to Sanger this evening.

Mrs. Kate Roark of San Francisco is here on a visit to friends.

T. E. Peckington of the North Fork lumber mills is in town on business.

T. Foster of San Francisco is registered at the Yosemite hotel.

A. Fournier is down from Fresno.

George E. Smith, the whilom Madras jeweler, is here for a few days.

Walter Mills, part owner of the Gamebetta mine, was in Madera today, and he reports mining matters in and around Grub Gulch to be in more or less prosperous condition than ever before, not only as to new prospects, but also in regard to future prospects.

Jesse McDonald and W. H. Larey went up to Grub Gulch the other day and in doing a little haphazard prospecting came across some beautiful specimens of a very rare and little known metal, molybdenite, which they brought back with them.

Madera, May 11, 1897.

DEATH OF W. B. BONES,

A Son of ex-Senator J. W. Bones of This City.

William B. Bones, an old resident of Alameda and one of the best known railroad conductors in the state, died last Saturday morning from pleuro-pneumonia. Although he had been sick several days, a fatal termination was not expected.

Deceased was 42 years of age and a native of San Francisco. For many years he was a conductor on the Central Pacific, running from Niles to San Jose. Afterward he was for a long time on the narrow gauge road, and was on that road at the time an excursion train, of which he was conductor, was wrecked near the Big Tree, and a large number of passengers killed. He was a bold, but frequently he lost the employ of the Southern Pacific, and obtained a position on the electric road, where he was employed at the time of his death.

Deceased was unmarried. He was a son of ex-Senator J. W. Bones of this city and was well known here.

Their Lampas Were Not Lit.

The police are keeping a sharp lookout for wheelmen who ride on the sidewalk or who fail to light their lamps at night. Several who offended in the latter direction have been hauled before Recorder Clark and fined. Yesterday Lawyer George E. Church appeared before the terrible Recorder and tremblingly pleaded guilty to a charge of bicycling with split lamp. He was fined \$3, and the lawyer reluctantly handed over the price of thirty apollienes each. James Puryear also pleaded guilty and paid a \$2 fine, having charged his mind about making a fight. J. J. Pinenot, who was arrested on a like charge a few days ago, has not yet pleaded.

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Doctors Roughing It.

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